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FOR: DEGRADATION DIAGNOSTIC METHOD, DEGRADATION DIAGNOSTIC MEDIATION DEVICE AND
DEGRADATION DIAGNOSTIC DEVICE AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH
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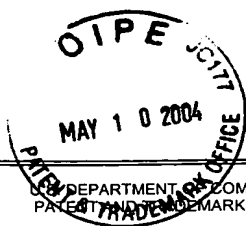
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